



**Request For Qualifications  
for  
Evaluation and Professional Services  
RFQ 12-01**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Purpose

The Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County (First 5 San Bernardino) was created in December, 1998 in order to realize the benefits of [Proposition 10](#) (California Children and Families Act) for the County's youngest residents and their families. The Act created a program for the purpose of promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from the prenatal stage to five years of age under the guidance of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino, and in collaboration with the community and agencies providing services to children.

A fundamental concept of the First 5 program is to focus on the benefit to participants rather than to mainly assess activities. This principle is reflected in Section 130100(b) of the California Children and Families Act, which states that "... the state and county commissions shall use outcome-based accountability to determine future expenditures". The Act further states, in Section 130400(a)(1)(C)(ii), that each strategic plan "shall, at a minimum, include ... a description of how measurable outcomes of such programs, services, and projects will be determined by the county commission using appropriate reliable indicators."

First 5 San Bernardino, hereafter referred to as the "Commission", is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to a qualified group or individual hereinafter referred to as "Consultant(s)" or "Contractor(s)" interested in working with the Commission to assist in research and evaluation activities, special studies and projects and provide training and technical support.

The Commission anticipates entering into a contract period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Funding over the three (3) year contract period shall not exceed \$300,000 per fiscal year for a maximum total of \$900,000.

### B. Minimum Requirements

Consultant(s) must:

1. Have expertise and experience in community-based research processes within a collaborative setting; facilitation of training workshops; and delivery of nonprofit, government and school-based technical assistance and possess strong knowledge of systems and programs serving children 0-5 and their families.
2. Have the administrative and fiscal capability to provide and manage the proposed services and to ensure an adequate audit trail; and
3. Meet other presentation and participation requirements listed in this RFQ.

### C. Questions

Questions regarding the contents of this RFQ must be submitted in writing on or before **12 P.M. PST, Wednesday, April 4, 2012** and directed to the individual listed in **Section I, Paragraph D**. The questions and answers will be compiled and posted on the **First 5 San Bernardino website as an addendum to this RFQ**.

### D. Correspondence

All correspondence, **including qualifications submissions and questions**, are to be submitted in writing to:

**First 5 San Bernardino**  
**ATTN: RFQ 12-01 for Evaluation & Professional Services**  
**330 North D Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**San Bernardino, CA 92415**

**Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II, [malvarez@cfc.sbcounty.gov](mailto:malvarez@cfc.sbcounty.gov)**

E. Admonition to Consultant(s)

Once the RFQ has been issued and during the evaluation process, the individual identified above is the sole contact point for any inquiries relating to this RFQ. Only if authorized by the Commission's contact may other Commission Staff provide information. Any violation of this procedure may be grounds for disqualification of the Consultant. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that the RFQ responses arrive in a timely manner.

F. Qualifications Submission Deadline

**All qualifications submissions must be received at the address listed in Paragraph D of this Section no later than 4 P.M. (PST) on April 20, 2012.** Facsimile or electronically transmitted submissions will not be accepted since they do not contain original signatures. Postmarks will not be accepted in lieu of actual receipt. Late submissions will not be considered.

## II. PROJECT TIMELINE

A. RFQ Release

*March 22, 2012*

B. Deadline for submission of questions

*Wednesday, April 4, 2012*

*No later than 12 P.M., PST*

C. Deadline for Qualifications Submissions

***Friday, April 20, 2012***

***No later than 4:00 P.M., PST***

D. Tentative date for Unsuccessful  
Qualifications Letters

*May 11, 2012*

E. Tentative date for awarding of Contract

*June 6, 2012*

*The Successful Contractor must be present at  
the Commission Meeting for Contract Approval*

F. Tentative Start Date for Contract

*July 1, 2012*

The above dates are subject to change as deemed necessary by the Commission.

## III. QUALIFICATIONS CONDITIONS

A. Contingencies

Funding for this program is contingent on the availability of California Children and Families Trust Fund monies. This RFQ does not commit the Commission to award a contract. Cost, while not necessarily the primary factor used in the selection process, is an important factor. The Commission will award a contract based on the qualifications that best meet the needs of the Commission.

The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications submissions if the Commission determines it is in the best interest of the Commission to do so. The Commission will notify all Consultant(s) in writing, if the Commission rejects all qualifications submissions.

B. Modifications

The Commission has the right to issue addenda or amendments to this RFQ. The Commission also reserves the right to terminate this procurement process at any time. Addenda or amendments to this RFQ will be posted on the same website as the RFQ.

C. Qualifications Submission

To be considered, all qualifications submissions must be submitted in the manner set forth in this RFQ. **It is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that its qualifications submission arrives on or before the specified time.** All submitted materials become the property of the Commission.

D. Inaccuracies or Misrepresentations

If in the course of the RFQ process or in the administration of a resulting contract, the Commission determines that the Consultant has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the Commission, the Consultant(s) may be terminated from the RFQ process or in the event a contract has been awarded, the contract may be immediately terminated.

In the event of a termination under this provision, the Commission is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

E. Incurred Costs

This RFQ does not commit the Commission to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a qualifications submission in response to this request and Consultant agrees that all costs incurred in developing the qualifications submission is the Consultant's responsibility.

F. Qualifications Packet Confidentiality

Consultant(s) should be aware that qualifications submissions are subject to the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.). If any Consultant's submission contains trade secrets or other information, which is proprietary by law, the Consultant must notify the Commission of its request to keep that information confidential.

The request to keep proprietary information confidential must be made in writing and attached to the envelope or other medium used to submit the qualifications. The confidential or proprietary information shall be readily separable from the response in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the response.

The Commission will review the request and notify the Consultant in writing of its decision as to whether confidentiality can be maintained under law. If confidentiality cannot be maintained, the Consultant has the option of withdrawing the submission or advising the Commission of its understanding that this information will become public record. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

In the event a public records request is made for information designated by the Consultant as confidential or proprietary and if the Commission has made a determination as to the confidential or proprietary nature of the information, the Commission will notify the Consultant of the request. The Consultant will have an opportunity to seek a determination from the appropriate court as to the disclosure or non-disclosure of the information.

G. Negotiations

The Commission may require the potential Contractor(s) selected to participate in negotiations, and to submit revisions to budget, technical information, and/or other items from their submission(s) as may result from these negotiations.

H. Local Preference Policy

The County of San Bernardino (County) and the Commission have adopted a preference for vendors whose principal place of business is located within the boundaries of the County. A five

percent (5%) preference may be applied prior to approval of any purchase or acquisition of services, equipment, goods, or supplies.

For the purposes of applying the local preference policy (County Policy 11-12), “principal place of business” is defined as the vendor’s main office (or headquarters) or a major regional office. A “major regional office” is defined as a business location apart from the vendor’s main office (or headquarters) which:

1. Has been issued a business license. If required, and has been established and open for a minimum of six months prior to the date that the approval authority authorizes the circulation of the procurement to which the vendor responds; and
2. Can demonstrate ongoing business activity in the field of endeavor on which the vendor is proposing, from that office during the preceding six (6) months; and
3. Has a minimum of 25% of the vendor’s fulltime management employees and 25% of its fulltime regular employees working from the San Bernardino County location(s).

The County’s Local Preference Policy means, for example, if two (2) or more Vendors respond to this procurement with qualifications that are equal in quality, service, and ability to meet the County’s needs, County staff must identify if any of the Vendors are local vendors. If any of the Vendors are local vendors, and their quoted price is within five percent (5%) of the cost of services, equipment, goods, and/or supplies proposed by other Vendors, unless it is determined that an exemption applies, staff may recommend the local vendor for Contract award.

#### IV. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

##### A. Overview

The Contractor selected for an Evaluation and Professional Services Contract will bring a unique and valuable body of knowledge and experience that is critical to the evaluation process for First 5 San Bernardino. To that end, the Commission is seeking a diverse set of skills to be represented and reflective of content knowledge and core expertise as the Contractor will serve an integral role in the full implementation of the Commission’s research and evaluation system.

##### B. Project Description

###### 1. Scope of Services

The Commission is seeking a qualified group or individual to assist Commission staff in general program implementation and logistic support including but not limited to:

- **Data Collection, Analysis, and Synthesis:** Contractor will be responsible for the collection of different types of data. In addition, Contractor will analyze and synthesize data contained in the existing web-based data system called Persimmony. Some data will be gathered from funded contracted agencies, reports and research findings. Data will be analyzed using the appropriate quantitative and/or qualitative analysis. Contractor will be required to perform these activities at the Program, Strategy, Systems and Community level. Also, the consultant may be required to develop surveys and tools for the purposes of data collection;
- **Technical Support and Trainings:** Contractor will assist the Commission with planning and implementation of training and technical support will be tailored to the needs of First 5 San Bernardino management, advisory committee and evaluation staff. Tasks may include but are not limited to, training and capacity

building for funded agencies and staff, planning, facilitation of meetings (Advisory Committee, Convenings, Staff) and present findings at Commission Meetings;

- **Reporting and Data Use:** In concert with Commission Staff, develop a series of reports that can be shared with multiple audiences throughout the year. In addition, the Contractor will assist with the Annual First 5 State Report and development of the Local Annual Evaluation Report;
- **Special Studies and Projects:** Contractor working with Commission Staff to determine one special study project per year. The study or project can include assessment of needs, gaps in services, and/or collaborative projects with other County departments.

## 2. Summary of Desired Qualifications

In addition to the requirements outlined in Section I.B, the following are desired qualifications:

- Knowledge and experience with community-based research processes within a collaborative setting.
- Knowledge and experience with data collection from diverse sources and in diverse formats within a longitudinal framework.
- Understanding of and experience with community-based research processes focusing on diverse communities.
- Knowledge of and experience with recommending and using performance measures for community-based research processes.
- Track record of accomplishment of similar objectives and experience in providing input, critical thinking and concrete evaluation strategies.
- Experience working within communities, agencies and informal groups to provide training, coaching, mentoring and technical assistance.
- Experience facilitating and convening meetings for the purpose of knowledge sharing and learning with diverse community groups.
- Skills in working in flexible manner in accordance with project timelines and activities.
- Experience working with other First 5 Commissions.
- Knowledge of geographic and demographic dynamics of San Bernardino County.
- Experience in synthesizing information from multiple sources and forming recommendations for others.

## 3. Project Considerations

- a. The Consultant's personnel will possess appropriate licenses and certificates and be qualified in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations (when applicable). The Consultant(s) will obtain, maintain and comply with all necessary government authorizations, permits, and licenses required to conduct its operations. In addition, the Consultant(s) will comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and orders in its operations including compliance with all applicable safety and health requirements as to the Contractor's employees.



- b. The Consultant(s) must possess and comply with other requirements outlined in this RFQ.

C. Reference Documents

The Commission has copies of the following materials available for review:

1. Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. section 12101 et seq.) [<http://www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm>]
2. California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures Divisions 21 and 23, sections 600, 602, and 604 [<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG71.htm>]
3. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. section 7606) [<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode42>]
4. Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. section 1368) [<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode33>]
5. Environmental Tobacco Smoke (20 U.S.C. section 6081 et seq.), also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 [<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode20>]
6. Executive Order 11246 [30 Fed. Reg. 12319 (Sept. 24, 1965)], as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, and 12250 <http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/regs/statutes/eo11246.htm>
7. Executive Order 11738 [38 Fed. Reg. 25161 (Sept. 10, 1973)] and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 C.F.R., part 32) [<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/cfr>]
8. Executive Order 12549 [51 Fed. Reg. 6370 (Feb. 18, 1986)] and Debarment, Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters (45 C.F.R, part 76) [<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/cfr>]
9. California Government Code section 6250 et seq. [<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>]
10. California Government Code section 87100 et seq. [<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>]
11. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/>]
12. California Penal Code section 11105.3 [<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>]
13. San Bernardino County Policy (11-10) - Recycled products
14. State Energy Conservation Plan (California Code of Regulations Title 20, section 1401 et seq.) <http://www.oal.ca.gov/>
15. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [<http://www.eeoc.gov/policy/vii.html>]
16. California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10000 et seq. [<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>]
17. First 5 San Bernardino Attribution and Media Guidelines [<http://www.first5sanbernardino.org/aboutus/publications.aspx>]
18. First 5 San Bernardino Principles on Equity [<http://www.first5sanbernardino.org>]
19. First 5 San Bernardino Supplantation Policy <http://www.first5sanbernardino.org>

V. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Contracts funded through this RFQ may include the terms contained below.

A. General Responsibilities

1. Contractor Capacity

In the performance of this Contract, Contractor its agents and employees shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the Commission.

2. Contract Assignability

Without the prior written consent of the Commission, the Contract is not assignable by Contractor either in whole or in part.

3. Conflict of Interest

Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no conflict of interest exists between its officers, employees, subcontractors, independent contractors, consultants, professional service representatives, volunteers and the Commission. Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to prevent employees, consultants, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business, or other ties. In addition, Contractor's employees shall not simultaneously receive payment for work done as an independent contractor without obtaining prior approval from the Executive Director or designee. In the event that the Commission determines that a conflict of interest situation exists, the Commission may disallow any increase in costs associated with the conflict of interest situation and such conflict may constitute grounds for termination of this contract.

4. Former Commission Administrative Officials

Contractor agrees to provide or has already provided information on former Commission administrative officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent Contractor. The information provided includes a list of former Commission administrative officials who terminated Commission employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates or members of the business. The information also includes the employment with or representation of Contractor. For purposes of this provision, "Commission Administrative Official" is defined as a member of the Commission or such Administrative Staff.

If during the course of the administration of this Contract, the Commission determines that the Contractor has made a material misstatement or misrepresentation or that materially inaccurate information has been provided to the Commission, this Contract may be immediately terminated. If this Contract is terminated according to this provision, the Commission is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

5. Subcontracting

Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracting agreements for work contemplated under the contract without first obtaining written approval from the Commission. Any subcontractor shall be subject to the same provisions as the Contractor. Contractor shall be ultimately responsible for the performance of any subcontractor.

6. Recordkeeping

Contractor shall maintain all records and books pertaining to the delivery of services under this Contract and demonstrate accountability for contract performance. Said records shall be kept and maintained within the County of San Bernardino. The Commission shall have the right upon reasonable notice and at reasonable hours of business to examine and inspect such records and books.

Records, should include, but are not limited to, monthly summary sheets, sign-in sheets, and other primary source documents. Fiscal records shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and must account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue and expenditures. Fiscal records must also comply with the appropriate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars that state the administrative requirements, cost principles and other standards for accountancy.

All records shall be complete and current and comply with all Contract requirements. Failure to maintain acceptable records per the preceding requirements shall be considered grounds for withholding of payments for billings submitted and for termination of the Contract.

7. Change of Address

Contractor shall notify the Commission in writing of any change in mailing and/or service address. Notification shall occur in advance of the address change. At a minimum, notification must occur within five days of the address change. Change of address shall not interrupt service deliverables outlined in the Scope of Services.

8. Staffing and Notification

Contractor shall notify Commission of any continuing vacancies and any positions that become vacant during the term of this Contract that may result in reduction of services to be provided under this Contract. Upon notices of vacancies, the Contractor shall apprise Commission of the steps being taken to provide the services without interruption and to fill the position as expeditiously as possible. Vacancies and associated problems shall be reported to the Commission on each periodically required report for the duration of said vacancies and/or problems.

In the event of a problem or potential problem that will severely impact the quality or quantity of service delivery, or the level of performance under this contract, Contractor will notify the Commission within one working day, in writing and by telephone.

9. Contractor Primary Contact

The Contractor will designate one individual to serve as the primary contact and one to serve as the alternate contact, if primary contact is unavailable, on behalf of the Contractor and will notify the Commission of these designees within 15 days after contract approval. The primary contact shall have the authority to identify, on behalf of the Contractor, other parties able to give or receive information on behalf of this contract.

Contractor shall notify the Commission when the primary contact will be unavailable or out of the office for two weeks or more or if there is any change in either the primary or alternate contact.

10. Responsiveness

Contractor or a designee must respond to Commission inquiries within five business days.

11. Confidentiality

Contractor shall require its officers, agents, employees, volunteers and any subcontractor to sign a statement of understanding and comply with the provisions of federal, state and local statutes to assure that:

- All applications and records concerning any individual made or kept by any public officer or agency or contractor in connection with the administration of any services for which funds are received by the Contractor under this contract, will be confidential and will not be open to examination for any purpose not directly connected with the administration, performance, compliance, monitoring or auditing of such services;
- No person will publish, disclose, or permit to be published or disclosed or used, any confidential information pertaining to any applicant or participant of services under this contract;
- Contractor agrees to inform all subcontractors, consultants, employees, agents, and partners of the above provisions; and,
- Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

#### 12. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements

Contractor agrees to and shall comply with the following indemnification and insurance requirements:

- a. Indemnification – The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by the Commission) and hold harmless the Commission and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the Commission on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of indemnitees. The Contractor's indemnification obligation applies to the Commission's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the Commission's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782.
- b. Additional Insured – All policies, except for the Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies, shall contain endorsements naming the Commission and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the Commission to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the Commission to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.
- c. Waiver of Subrogation Rights – The Contractor shall require the carriers of required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the Commission, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Contractor and Contractor's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the Commission.

- d. Policies Primary and Non-Contributory – All policies required herein are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the Commission.
- e. Severability of Interests – The Contractor agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Contractor and the Commission or between the Commission and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.
- f. Proof of Coverage – The Contractor shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the Commission Department administering the contract evidencing the insurance coverage, including endorsements, as required, prior to the commencement of performance of services hereunder, which certificates shall provide that such insurance shall not be terminated or expire without thirty (30) days written notice to the Department, and Contractor shall maintain such insurance from the time Contractor commences performance of services hereunder until the completion of such services. Within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of this contract, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Declaration page for all applicable policies and will provide complete certified copies of the policies and endorsements immediately upon request.
- g. Acceptability of Insurance Carrier – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum “Best” Insurance Guide rating of “A- VII”.
- h. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention - Any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$10,000 shall be declared to and approved by Risk Management.
- i. Failure to Procure Coverage – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this contract does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, the Commission has the right but not the obligation or duty to cancel the contract or obtain insurance if it deems necessary and any premiums paid by the Commission will be promptly reimbursed by the Contractor or Commission payments to the Contractor will be reduced to pay for Commission purchased insurance.
- j. Insurance Review – Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the Commission. The Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to reduce, waive or suspend any insurance requirements whenever Risk Management determines that any of the required insurance is not available, is unreasonably priced, or is not needed to protect the interests of the Commission. In addition, if the Department of Risk Management determines that heretofore unreasonably priced or unavailable types of insurance coverage or coverage limits become reasonably priced or available, the Director of Risk Management or designee is authorized, but not required, to change the above insurance requirements to require additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits, provided that any such change is reasonable in light of past claims against the Commission, inflation, or any other item reasonably related to the Commission’s risk.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this contract. Contractor agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of the Commission to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of the Commission.

- k. The Contractor agrees to provide insurance set forth in accordance with the requirements herein. If the Contractor uses existing coverage to comply with these requirements and that coverage does not meet the specified requirements, the Contractor agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the existing coverage to do so. The type(s) of insurance required is determined by the scope of the contract services.

Without in anyway affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, the Contractor shall secure and maintain throughout the contract term the following types of insurance with limits as shown:

1. Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability – A program of Workers' Compensation insurance or a state-approved, self-insurance program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with \$250,000 limits covering all persons including volunteers providing services on behalf of the Contractor and all risks to such persons under this contract.
2. If Contractor has no employees, it may certify or warrant to the Commission that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as "employees" under the Labor Code and the requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage will be waived by the Commission's Director of Risk Management.
3. With respect to Contractors that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.
4. Commercial/General Liability Insurance – The Contractor shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:
  - (1) Premises operations and mobile equipment.
  - (2) Products and completed operations.
  - (3) Broad form property damage (including completed operations).
  - (4) Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
  - (5) Personal injury
  - (6) Contractual liability.
  - (7) \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit.
5. Automobile Liability Insurance – Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.

If the Contractor is transporting one or more non-employee passengers in performance of contract services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

6. If the Contractor owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.
7. Umbrella Liability Insurance – An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a “dropdown” provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability.
8. Professional Liability – Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) per claim or occurrence and two million (\$2,000,000) aggregate limits  
or  
Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) and two million (\$2,000,000) aggregate limits  
or  
Directors and Officers Insurance coverage with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) shall be required for Contracts with charter labor committees or other not-for-profit organizations advising or acting on behalf of the County.

If insurance coverage is provided on a “claims made” policy, the “retroactive date” shall be shown and must be before the date of the start of the contract work. The claims made insurance shall be maintained or “tail” coverage provided for a minimum of five (5) years after contract completion.

#### 13. Licenses and Permits

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, administrative orders, rules or regulations relating to its duties, obligations and performance under the terms of the Contract and shall procure all necessary licenses and permits required by the laws of the United States, State of California, San Bernardino County and all other appropriate governmental agencies, and agrees to pay all fees and other charges required thereby. Contractor shall maintain all required licenses during the term of this Contract. Contractor will notify the Commission immediately of loss or suspension of any such licenses and permits. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section may result in immediate termination of this Contract.

#### 14. Health and Safety

Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal health and safety codes and regulations, including fire clearances, for each site where program services are provided under the terms of the Contract.

#### 15. Contract Compliance/Equal Employment Opportunity

Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of all applicable Federal, State, and County Laws, regulations and policies relating to equal employment or social services to Participant(s), including laws and regulations hereafter enacted. Contractor shall not

unlawfully discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or service Participant(s) on the basis of race, national origin or ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, age, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or disability. Information on the above rules and regulations may be obtained from the Commission.

16. Americans with Disabilities Act

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

17. Attorney's Fees

Contractor understands and agrees that any and all legal fees or costs associated with lawsuits concerning this Contract against the Commission shall be the Contractor's sole expense and shall not be charged as a cost under this Contract. In the event of any Contract dispute hereunder, each Party to this Contract shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs regardless of who prevails in the outcome of the dispute.

18. Ownership Rights

The Commission shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to publish, disclose, copy, translate, and otherwise use, copyright or patent, now and hereafter, all reports, studies, information, data, statistics, forms, designs, plans, procedures, systems, and any other materials or properties developed under this contract including those covered by copyright, and reserves the right to authorize others to use or reproduce such material.

19. Attribution

Contractor shall properly acknowledge the Commission per the requirements stated in the First 5 San Bernardino Attribution Standards.

20. Incongruous Activities

Contractor agrees it will not perform or permit any political promotion or religious proselytizing activities in connection with the performance of this contract. Contractor will ensure no staff will conduct activity intended to influence legislation, administrative rule making or the election of candidates for public office during the time compensated under this contract or under representation such activity is being performed under this contract.

21. Reports

Report requirements include, quarterly progress and fiscal reports and a final project report as agreed. Reporting requirements are not limited to the above and subject to change.

22. Pro-Children Act of 1994

Contractor will comply with Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6081 et seq.).

23. Environmental Regulations

EPA Regulations - If the amount available to Contractor under the Contract exceeds \$100,000, Contractor will agree to comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. section 7606); section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368); Executive Order 11738 [38 Fed. Reg. 25161 (Sept. 10, 1973)]; and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 C.F.R., part 32).



State Energy Conservation Clause - Contractor shall observe the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency in the State Energy Conservation Plan (California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1401 et seq.).

24. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

As required by Executive Order 12549 [51 Fed. Reg. 6370 (Feb. 18, 1986)] and Debarment and Suspension, And Other Responsibility Matters (45 C.F.R., section 76):

- a. The Contractor certifies that it and any potential subcontractors:
  - 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions (as defined at 45 C.F.R. section 76.200) by any federal department or agency;
  - 2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - 3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a) (2) of this certification; and
  - 4) Have not within a three-year period proceeding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- b. Where the Contractor is unable to certify as true any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall include an explanation in the proposal.

25. Recycled Paper Products

The Commission has adopted a recycled product purchasing standards policy (11-10), which requires contractors to use recycled paper for proposals and for any printed or photocopied material created as a result of a contract with the Commission. The policy also requires Contractors to use both sides of the paper sheets for reports submitted to the Commission whenever practicable.

B. Fiscal Provisions

1. Payment Provisions

The Consultant(s) will be compensated on a time and expense basis. The Consultant is responsible for supplying all business equipment needed to implement the tasks above (e.g., computer, printer, fax, internet access, etc.). Successful Consultant(s) will be responsible for maintaining a daily log to capture time spent on activities. This will support the Commission's management of costs to ensure execution of all tasks related to the Scope of Services. The reimbursement schedule can be negotiated as monthly or quarterly.

2. EFT Payments

Contractor shall accept all payments from the Commission via electronic funds transfers (EFT) directly deposited into the Contractor's designated checking or other

bank account. Contractor shall promptly comply with directions and accurately complete forms provided by the Commission required to process EFT payments.

3. Allowable Costs

Funds provided pursuant to this contract shall be expended by Contractor in accordance with the negotiated and approved project budget.

Such specified expenditures will be further limited to those that are considered both reasonable and necessary as determined by the Commission. Contractor agrees Commission may recover any payments for services or goods, including rental of facilities, which were not reasonable and necessary or which exceeded the fair market value. The recovery shall be limited to payments over and above reasonable or fair market amounts and any costs of recovery.

The reasonable and allowable reimbursement rate for use of motor vehicles is the current IRS allowable rate.

Costs must be incurred only during the contract term, except when specifically approved by the Commission. Contractor shall not use current year funds to pay prior or future year obligations. Contractor will not be reimbursed for expenditures incurred after the expiration or termination of this contract.

Contractor shall obtain Commission approval for all out of State travel as it relates to services provided in contract. Request must be submitted in writing 30 days in advance of travel date and travel must be approved in advance by the Program Manager.

4. Supplanting of Funds

In accordance with the Commission's Supplantation Policy, Contractor shall not supplant any Federal, State or County funds intended for the purposes of this contract with any funds made available under this contract. Contractor shall not claim reimbursement from Commission for, or apply sums received from Commission with respect to that portion of its obligations, which have been paid by another source of revenue. Contractor agrees that it will not use funds received pursuant to this contract, either directly or indirectly, as a contribution or compensation for purposes of obtaining State funds under any State program or County funds under any County programs without prior written approval of the Commission.

5. Payment of Taxes

Commission is not liable for the payments of any taxes, other than applicable sales or use tax, resulting from this Contract however designated, levied or imposed, unless Commission would otherwise be liable for the payment of such taxes in the course of its normal business operations.

6. Budget Line Item Changes

A Budget Revision Request may be submitted by the Contractor to the Commission to modify a line or lines of the approved budget. The request must indicate the proposed line item changes, the budget as amended applying the requested changes and a written justification for each requested change. The request cannot result in any alteration or degradation to the program services and performance target as specified in this contract.

The Executive Director, on behalf of the Commission, has the authority to approve (or deny) the request, provided that the modification does not deviate from the original intent of the contract or increase the total contract amount. Contractor is limited to two Budget Revision Requests per fiscal year.

The Contractor must submit any requests to the Commission no later than March 31st of the fiscal year. Requests must be submitted in hard copy form with original signatures. Postmarked envelopes received after March 31st will not be accepted in lieu of receipt.

7. Budget Line Item Variance

Variances in excess of 10% of a line item cannot be made by the Contractor without prior approval of the Commission. Variance shall not result in a change to the total contract amount or an increase to the administrative cost allocation of the approved budget. Contractor shall provide written justification for any budget line item variances of more than 10% made during a fiscal quarter in the following Quarterly Expenditure Report/Request for Funds.

8. Procurement

Contractor shall procure services or goods required under this contract on a competitive basis (3 bid process), unless otherwise provided by law, and make selections based on obtaining the best value possible. When a non-competitive procurement is used, a written justification must be maintained and be made available upon request.

9. Fixed Assets

The purchase of any equipment, materials, supplies or property of any kind, including items such as publications, copyrights, which have a single unit cost of \$5000 or more, including tax, and was not included in Contractor's approved budget, shall require the prior written approval of the Executive Director, on behalf of the Commission. Any such purchase shall directly relate to Contractor's services or activities under the terms of the contract.

Any item with a single unit cost of \$1000 or more, including tax, purchased with funds received under the terms of this contract and not fully consumed during the contract term shall revert to be the property of the Commission, unless otherwise specified by the Commission. The disposition of such equipment or property must be approved by the Executive Director upon contract termination.

10. Fiscal Record Keeping

Fiscal records shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and must account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue and expenditures.

C. Right to Monitor and Audit

1. Right to Monitor

Commission or any subdivision or appointee thereof, and the State of California or any subdivision or appointee thereof, including the Auditor General, shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, and other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Contractor in the delivery of services provided under the Contract. Full cooperation shall be given by Contractor in any auditing or monitoring conducted.

Contractor shall cooperate with the Commission in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Contract and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the Commission.

2. Availability of Records

All records pertaining to service delivery and all fiscal, statistical and management books and records shall be available for examination and audit by the Commission, and State representatives for a period of five years after final payment under the Contract or until all pending Commission and State audits are completed, whichever is later. Records, should include, but are not limited to participant files, monthly summary sheets, sign-in sheets, and other primary source documents. Contractor will have available for Commission review, all relevant financial records for the fiscal year being audited including documentation to verify shared costs or costs allocated to various funding sources as well as the basis for which the shared cost was allocated.

Program data shall be retained locally in San Bernardino County and made available upon request or turned over to Commission. If said records are not made available at the scheduled monitoring visit, Contractor may, at Commission's option, be required to reimburse Commission for expenses incurred due to required rescheduling of monitoring visit(s). Such reimbursement will not exceed \$50 per hour (including travel time) and be deducted from the invoiced monthly payment.

3. Assistance by Contractor

Contractor shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of Commission's representatives in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work of the Contractor.

4. Independent Audit Provisions

On an annual basis, Contractor is required to hire an independent licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), who shall prepare and file with the Commission, an Independent Auditor's Report for the term of the Contract.

5. Recovery and Investigation of Audit Costs

Contractor shall reimburse the Commission for all direct and indirect expenditures incurred in conducting an audit/investigation when Contractor is found in violation of the terms of the contract. Reimbursement for such costs will be withheld from any amounts due to Contractor.

When additional information (receipts, paperwork, etc.) is requested of the Contractor as a result of any audit or monitoring, Contractor must provide all information requested by the deadline specified by the Commission. A failure to provide the information by the specified deadline, will subject the Contractor to the provisions of Correction of Performance Deficiencies and Termination.

D. Correction of Performance Deficiencies and Termination

1. Failure by Contractor to comply with any of the provisions, covenants, requirements, or conditions of this contract shall be a material breach of this contract. In such event the Commission, in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this contract, may:

- Afford Contractor a time period within which to cure the breach, which period shall be established at the sole discretion of the Executive Director; and/or
- Request Contractor provide and implement an action plan to correct breach within a reasonable timeframe; and/or

- Discontinue reimbursement to the contractor for and during the period in which the Contractor is in breach, which reimbursement shall not be entitled to later recovery; and/or;
  - Withhold funds pending duration of the breach; and/or
  - Offset against any monies billed by the Contractor but yet unpaid by the Commission those monies disallowed pursuant to bullet 3 of this paragraph; and/or
  - Immediately terminate this contract with just cause and be relieved of the payment of any consideration to the Contractor should the Contractor fail to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination, the Commission may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by the Commission. The cost to the Commission shall be deducted from any sum due to the contractor under this Contract and the balance, if any, shall be paid by the Contractor upon demand.
2. The Executive Director, on behalf of the Commission, shall give Contractor notice of any action pursuant to this paragraph, which notice shall be effective when given.
  3. The Executive Director is authorized to exercise Commission's rights with respect to initiating any remedies or termination of this contract in his/her sole discretion and to give notice as set forth below in this Contract.

## **VI. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/CIVIL RIGHTS**

### **A. Equal Employment Opportunity Program**

Contractor agrees to comply with: the provisions of the Commission of San Bernardino Equal Employment Opportunity Program and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; Executive Order 11246 [30 Fed. Reg. 12319 (Sept. 24, 1965)], as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11625, 12138, 12432, and 12250; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. section 2000(e), et seq.); Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10000; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Cal. Gov. Code section 12900, et seq.); and other applicable federal, state, and Commission laws, regulations and policies relating to equal employment or social services to welfare recipients, including laws and regulations hereafter enacted.

The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or service recipient on the basis of race, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, age, political affiliation or disability. Information on the above rules and regulations may be obtained from the Commission.

### **B. Civil Rights Compliance**

The Contractor shall develop and maintain internal policies and procedures to assure compliance with each factor outlined by State regulation. These policies must be developed into a Civil Rights Plan, which is to be on file with the Commission within 30 days of awarding of the Contract. The Plan must address prohibition of discriminatory practices, accessibility, language services, staff development and training, dissemination of information, complaints of discrimination, compliance review, and duties of the Civil Rights Liaison. Upon request, the Commission will supply a sample of the Plan format. The Contractor will be monitored by the Commission for compliance with provisions of its Civil Rights Plan.

## **VII. IMPROPER CONSIDERATION**

Consultant shall not offer (either directly or through an intermediary) any improper consideration such as, but not limited to, cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or any items of value to any officer, employee or agent of the Commission in an attempt to secure favorable treatment regarding this RFQ.

The Commission, by written notice, may immediately reject any submission or terminate any Contract if it determines that any improper consideration as described in the preceding paragraph was offered to any officer, employee or agent of the Commission with respect to the submission and award process or any solicitation for consideration was not reported. This prohibition shall apply to any amendment, extension or evaluation process once a Contract has been awarded.

Consultant shall immediately report any attempt by a Commission officer, employee or agent to solicit (either directly or through an intermediary) improper consideration from Consultant. The report shall be made to the supervisor or manager charged with supervision of the employee or to the Commission Administrative Office. In the event of a termination under this provision, the Commission is entitled to pursue any available legal remedies.

## **VIII. DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS**

The Commission reserves the right to request the information described herein from the Consultant selected for contract award. Failure to provide the information may result in a disqualification from the selection process and no award of contract to the Consultant. The Commission also reserves the right to obtain the requested information by way of a background check performed by an investigative firm. The selected Consultant also may be requested to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information provided or discovered may result in disqualification from the selection process and no award of contract.

The selected Consultant may be asked to disclose whether the firm or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten years, has been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the firm's business, or whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, has within the last ten years, been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud. If the response is affirmative, the Consultant will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the selected Consultant may be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten years, has been the subject of legal proceedings as defined herein arising directly from the provision of services by the firm or those individuals. "Legal proceedings" means any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the Consultant will be asked to describe any such legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

For the purposes of this provision "key employees" includes any individuals providing direct service to the Commission. "Key employees" do not include clerical personnel providing service at the Consultant's offices or locations.

## **IX. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

All information submitted in the submission or in response to request for additional information is subject to disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act (California Government Code section 6250, et seq.). Submissions may contain financial or other data that

constitutes a trade secret. To protect such data from disclosure, Consultant should specifically identify the pages that contain confidential information by properly marking the applicable pages and inserting the following notice on the front of its response:

**NOTICE**

The data on pages\_\_\_\_\_ of this submission, identified by an asterisk (\*) or marked along the margin with a vertical line, contains information which are trade secrets. We request that such data be used only for the evaluation of our submission, but understand that disclosure will be limited to the extent that the Commission determines is proper under federal, state, and local law.

The proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the submission in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the submission.

The Commission assumes no responsibility for disclosure or use of unmarked data for any purpose. In the event disclosure of properly marked data is requested, the Consultant will be advised of the request and may expeditiously submit to the Commission a detailed statement indicating the reasons it has for believing that the information is exempt from disclosure under federal, state and local law. This statement will be used by the Commission in making its determination as to whether or not disclosure is proper under federal, state and local law. The Commission will exercise care in applying this confidentiality standard but will not be held liable for any damage or injury which may result from any disclosure that may occur.

**X. QUALIFICATIONS SUBMISSION**

**A. General**

1. All interested and qualified groups or individuals are invited to submit their qualifications for consideration. Submission of such qualifications indicates that the RFQ has been read and the entire contents of this RFQ is understood, including all attachments and addendums (as applicable) and agrees that all requirements of this RFQ have been satisfied.
2. Qualifications must be submitted in the format described in this Section. Qualifications are to be prepared and submitted in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFQ. Expensive bindings, folders, colored displays, promotional materials, etc., are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the RFQ instructions, responsiveness to the RFQ requirements, and on completeness and clarity of content.
3. Qualifications submissions must be complete in all respects as required in this Section. Qualifications submissions may not be considered if they are conditional or incomplete.
4. Qualifications submissions must be received at the designated location, specified in Section I, Paragraph D – Correspondence, no later than the date and time specified in Section I, Paragraph F – Submission Deadline.
5. All qualifications submissions and materials submitted become the property of the Commission.

**B. Qualifications Presentations**

1. An original, which may be bound with a binder clip, and 4 copies are required. The original copy must be clearly marked “Master Copy”. If one copy is not clearly marked “Master Copy”, the submission may be rejected. However, the Commission may at its sole option select, immediately after opening, one copy to be used as the Master Copy.

If discrepancies are found between two or more copies of the submitted qualifications, the submission may be rejected. However, if not rejected, the Master Copy will provide the basis for resolving such discrepancies.

2. The package containing the 1 original and 4 copies (for a total of 5 copies) must be sealed and marked with the Consultant's name and "CONFIDENTIAL – RFQ 12-01 FOR EVALUATION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES"
3. All qualifications submissions must be submitted on 8 1/2" by 11" paper with single sided printing, unless specifically shown to be impractical, with no less than 1/2" top, bottom, left and right margins. Submissions must be typed or prepared with word processing equipment and double-spaced. Typeface must be no more than 12 characters per inch. Each page, including attachments and exhibits, must be clearly and consecutively numbered at the bottom center of the page.

C. Submission Format

Response to this RFQ must be submitted in the following sequence and format:

1. Cover Page - A letter, on letterhead stationary, signed by a duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the Consultant submitting the qualifications submission, which must include the following information:
  - a. A statement that the qualifications are is submitted in response to the RFQ RFQ 12-01 for Evaluation and Professional Services.
  - b. A statement indicating which individuals, by name, title, address, and phone number, are authorized to negotiate with the Commission on behalf of the Consultant.
  - c. A statement certifying that the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, is an agent authorized to submit the qualifications on behalf of the Consultant.
  - d. A list of Former Commission Administrative Officials (as defined in Section V. B.) affiliated with the organization/firm. If none, so state.
2. Table of Contents - A complete table of contents for the entire qualifications submission with respective page numbers opposite each topic.
3. Proposal Narrative – Should address, but not be limited to, all items in Section IV, Paragraph D – Project Description
  - a. A 5 – 10 page narrative outlining the Consultant's qualifications and experience in the area special studies and projects and provide training and technical support. The Narrative shall include:
    - 1) **Firm Description:** Provide a corporate overview of your firm and your firm's commitment to San Bernardino County through support of its local non-profits and community-based organizations (501c3). Include a general description of the organization's financial condition and identify any conditions (impending merger, office closures, bankruptcy, etc.) that may impede your ability to complete the scope of services.
    - 2) **Experience:** Describe your experience providing services to the public sector or government agencies including services to and/or affecting the 0-5 population. Include a brief description of the services provided, how long such services have been provided, and a contact person (telephone number included) for each client described.



- 3) **Résumé or Curriculum Vitae:** Outlining all relevant work history, educational attainment, publications, prior research projects, etc.
- 4) **References:** A minimum of 3 references from previous or current clients for whom you have done similar work.
4. Insurance  
Provide proof of insurance or a statement that the Consultant will obtain insurance in the amounts and coverages stated in Section V, Paragraph B, Item 19 - Indemnification and Insurance Requirements prior to the delivery of service.
5. Project Budget and Budget Narrative  
Include a budget and narrative describing expenditures appropriate to the deliverables outlined in the Scope of Services.
6. Local Preference Policy Form – Attachment A  
Complete and include **Attachment A** in your response to this item of the RFQ.

## **XI. QUALIFICATIONS EVALUATION AND SELECTION**

### **A. Evaluation Process**

All qualifications submissions will be subject to a standard review process developed by the Commission. A primary consideration shall be the effectiveness of the Consultant(s) in the delivery of comparable or related services based on demonstrated performance.

### **B. Evaluation Criteria**

All qualifications submissions will be subject to a standard review process developed by the Commission to yield the Consultant the proper due diligence in the evaluation phase of the RFQ process.

1. Administrative Review - All qualifications submissions will be initially evaluated to determine if they meet the following minimum requirements:
  - a. Must be complete as set forth in Section X – Qualifications Submission, subsection – C Qualification Submission Format including all required documents, and be in compliance with all the requirements of this RFQ.
  - b. Must meet the requirements as stated in the Minimum Requirements as outlined in Section I, Paragraph B.

**Failure to meet these requirements will result in a rejected qualifications submission. Incomplete packages (those missing information/required documents) will be disqualified.** No package shall be rejected, however, if it contains a minor irregularity, defect or variation if the irregularity, defect or variation is considered by the Commission to be immaterial or inconsequential. In such cases the Commission may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the package. **Unsuccessful Consultant(s) in the Administrative Review phase will not have the option to submit an appeal.**
2. Critical Evaluation - Submissions meeting the above requirements will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria, (not necessarily in order of priority):
  - a. Cost
  - b. Proposed Program Services and Strategies
  - d. Readiness to provide services

- e. Experience
- f. Staffing levels and qualifications

While cost is a major consideration in the evaluation process, selection will be based on the determination of which submission will best meet the needs of the Commission and the requirements of this RFQ.

C. Contract Award

Contract(s) will be awarded based on a competitive selection of qualifications submissions received.

The contents of the submission of the successful Consultant will become contractual obligations and failure to accept these obligations in a contractual agreement may result in cancellation of the award.

D. Appeals

In response to a denied award, Consultant may protest, provided the appeal is in writing, is delivered to the address listed, and submitted within five (5) business days of the date on the notification of a denied award. Grounds for an appeal are that the Commission failed to follow the selection procedures and adhere to requirements specified in the RFQ and any addenda or amendments; there has been a violation of conflict of interest provided by California Government Code Section 87100 et seq.; or violation of State or Federal law. Appeals will not be accepted on any other grounds. Only an agency that has submitted a RFQ in compliance with the RFQ 10-02 and addenda or amendments may present a protest to the Commission. An appeal submitted by any other parties or individuals, including potential subcontractors, employees or unrelated entities, will not be considered and shall be automatically rejected.

In the event of an appeal, all appeals will be handled by a panel designated by the Commission. The Commission will consider only those specific issues addressed in the written appeal. A written response will be directed to the protesting Consultant advising of the decision with regard to the protest and the basis for the decision. Any decision of the Commission will be final.

The appeal must include the following: 1) reference to the RFQ 12-01 for Evaluation and Professional Services Appeal; 2) basis of appeal; 3) supporting documentation and statements (optional); and 4) name, position, address, telephone, facsimile numbers, and email for agency point of contact for the appeal.

E. Final Authority

The final authority to award a Contract rests solely with the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County.



**LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY FORM**

Please check all that apply:

1.	Main or regional Office located within County boundaries.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Issued a business license, if required, and has been established and open for six months prior to release of solicitation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Has a minimum of 25% full-time management employed and 25% of its full-time regular employed working from County locations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	The statements above do not apply to our agency.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Signature (Authorized Signer)

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Print Name

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